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By: **Delegates Redmer, Boutin, Frush, and Stern**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **The Ferret Protection Act**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from shipping, receiving, selling, or buying a  
4 ferret that is under a certain age; prohibiting a person from spaying or  
5 neutering a ferret that is under a certain age; providing that a violation of this  
6 Act is a misdemeanor; providing a penalty; and generally relating to the  
7 handling of ferrets under a certain age.

8 BY adding to  
9 Article - Criminal Law  
10 Section 10-623  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of  
13 2002)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Criminal Law**

17 10-623.

18 (A) A PERSON MAY NOT SHIP, RECEIVE, SELL, OR BUY A FERRET THAT IS  
19 UNDER THE AGE OF 12 WEEKS.

20 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT SPAY OR NEUTER A FERRET THAT IS UNDER THE AGE  
21 OF 12 WEEKS.

22 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR  
23 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$100.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 October 1, 2002.